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The meetings was called to order at 9 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items (*continued*)

Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Netherlands (A/55/234)

1. **The Chairman** invited the Committee to consider a request by the Netherlands for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons", contained in document A/55/234. The representative of the Netherlands had asked to address the Committee in accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure.

2. *At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Naeff (Netherlands) took a place at the Committee table.*

3. **Mr. Naeff** (Netherlands), referring to document A/55/234, said that, as the host country of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the Netherlands deemed it extremely important to support the request for the inclusion of the item in the agenda of the current session of the General Assembly. On 17 October 2000, an agreement would be signed between the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the United Nations. Accordingly, it would be appropriate if the General Assembly would consider the matter in plenary meeting as soon as possible after the signing of the agreement, which would give the Director-General of the organization an opportunity to address the plenary Assembly.

4. *Mr. Naeff (Netherlands) withdrew.*

5. **The Chairman** said that the representative of Brazil had asked to make a statement. Rule 43 of the rules of procedure did not apply. He took it that the Committee wished to accede to the request.

6. *It was so decided.*

7. *At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Cordeiro (Brazil) took a place at the Committee table.*

8. **Mr. Cordeiro** (Brazil) said that his delegation seconded and supported the inclusion of the item in the agenda.

9. *Mr. Cordeiro (Brazil) withdrew.*

10. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be included in the agenda, and that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.*

Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Algeria, Finland, Namibia, Poland, Singapore and Venezuela (A/55/235)

11. **The Chairman** invited the Committee to consider a request by Algeria, Finland, Namibia, Poland, Singapore and Venezuela for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit", contained in document A/55/235.

12. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be included in the agenda, and that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.*

Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belize, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Fiji, Finland, France, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, the United States of America and Viet Nam (A/55/236)

13. **The Chairman** invited the Committee to consider a request by Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belize, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Fiji, Finland, France, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, the United States of America and Viet Nam for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula", contained in document A/55/236. The representatives of the

Republic of Korea, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Singapore had asked to address the Committee in accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure.

14. *At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Sun Joung-yung (Republic of Korea), Mr. Li Hyong Chol (Democratic People's Republic of Korea) and Mr. Mahbubani (Singapore) took places at the Committee table.*

15. **Mr. Sun Joung-yung** (Republic of Korea) said that, should the request for inclusion of the item in the agenda be granted, a draft resolution on the subject would be submitted, which he hoped would be adopted by consensus in the General Assembly. The adoption of the resolution should greatly encourage the efforts to bring durable peace and reunification on the Korean peninsula and also contribute to peace and security in the rest of the world. At the same time, it would encourage similar endeavours elsewhere and serve as an example to other countries of how differences could be resolved peacefully through dialogue.

16. **Mr. Li Hyong Chol** (Democratic People's Republic of Korea) said that both the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea shared the view that the adoption of a United Nations resolution welcoming and supporting the inter-Korean summit meeting and the joint declaration resulting from that meeting would further encourage and promote the new positive developments on the Korean peninsula. The two countries had accordingly agreed, to jointly request the inclusion of the item in the agenda of the current session. It was of great significance that they were making such joint efforts in the United Nations for the first time. His delegation looked forward to the cooperation of all Member States in recommending the inclusion of the proposed additional item and adopting the draft resolution by consensus at the current session.

17. **Mr. Mahbubani** (Singapore) said that, because of its historic significance, his delegation endorsed the inclusion of the item in the agenda. The first ever inter-Korean summit held in June 2000 had set in motion a series of positive developments for peace and security on the Korean peninsula and beyond. Its beneficial effects had been felt in the region as a whole. The fact that the peoples of both the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea had agreed to support a draft resolution was a very significant development indeed.

18. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be included in the agenda, and that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.*

The meeting rose at 9.20 a.m.